GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF FORT OF MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey has been conducted of the forts in Vijaydurga and Sindhudurga in Maharashtra which are of historical importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these forts are in a dilapidated condition and are in urgent need of repairs and further maintenance;

(d) if so, whether Archaeological Survey of India is taking steps to protect and ensure their proper upkeep and maintenance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. On the basis of survey carried out, it has been found that both the forts need certain repair works like filling up of the cavities caused by scouring action of the sea waves, repairs and consolidation of fort walls and other elements of the structures.

(c) to (e) These forts are in fairly good state of preservation. Further the conservation and preservation of monuments is a continuous process. The Archaeological Survey of India undertakes the necessary repairs as per the requirement and availability of financial resources.